

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association
Committee to Study MLA Chapter Application - Annual Report
1980-1981

Committee Members: Carole Colter, Chairperson
Jeanne Hartenstein
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At the October, 1980 Annual Business Meeting, the members voted to have the MLA Liaison Committee serve as the investigative body to study the MLA Chapter issue. The committee would report its findings back to the members at the next Annual Business Meeting. Because of the importance of this issue, the committee was designated as the "Committee to Study MLA Chapter Application" for the coming year.

In the winter 1981 issue of the MHSLSA News, the charge of this committee was explained to our members. The committee would be composed of 3 members. One member would study the PRO question, and one member would study the CON question. The chairperson would then write a report in debate style based on the pro and con findings. Members were asked to submit their pro comments to Barbara and con statements to Jeanne. The response on the part of our members was very minimal.

During the summer of 1981, the committee studied data compiled from Ursula Poland, Chairman of the MLA Group Structure Implementation, MLA News, MLA Bylaws, Chapter Council meeting in Montreal. After reviewing the facts, the committee compiled the fact sheet: "Should MHSLSA Apply for MLA Chapter Status?" This fact sheet was submitted to the Editor of the MHSLSA News for inclusion in the September 1981 issue of the newsletter. This fact sheet would inform our members on this issue prior to voting at the Annual Business Meeting.

This committee will be available at the Annual Business Meeting to answer any questions members may have concerning the fact sheet.

This committee is requesting a formal recommendation for action by the Executive Board at the September Board meeting:

"That this committee having completed its task be dismissed as the Committee to Study MLA Chapter Application in order to allow the MLA Liaison Committee to develop its activities in other areas..."

I would like to express my appreciation to Jeanne Hartenstein and Barbara Coe Johnson for their contributions and hard work in assisting me with the preparation of the fact sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Colter

Carole Colter, Chairperson